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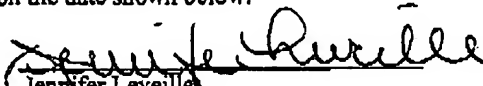
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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed August 17, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this amendment.